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**APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR MIXING FLUIDS FOR  
ANALYSIS**

Application Serial No. 09/198,004

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and entitled:

## APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MIXING FLUIDS FOR ANALYSIS

1.  Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3.  This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
  - a.  ***DELETE*** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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02/18/2000 ~~09/198,004~~ was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

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## CLAIMS AS FILED

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	18	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
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- a.  PTO-1449
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**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 USC 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or application in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a).

Dated: February 7, 2000

  
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